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AMCONSUL BERLIN

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FOR A/FBO CLEM RALSTON AND EUR/EX JOAN CLARK

VIENNA FOR REGIONAL B/F OFFICER

BERLIN FOR STANGE

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SUBJECT: NEW CHANCERY & RESIDENCE: MAINTENANCE OF PRESENT CHANCERY

1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES FBO WILLINGNESS TO SEND AREA OFFICER PAUL STANGE TO BUCHAREST AT END OF HIS STAY IN BERLIN ABOUT AUGUST 14. TO DATE, HOWEVER, WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED CLEARANCE FROM MAYOR'S OFFICE TO VIEW NEW AREA; WE ARE FOLLOWING-UP NOW, AND HOPE TO HAVE POSITIVE RESPONSE SOON, HOPEFULLY BEFORE AUGUST 14.

2. IN REGARD TO VISIT BY FBO TECHNICIAN TO INSPECT WIRING AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OFFICE SPACE USE, FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS HAVE OCCURRED SINCE OUR LAST REFTTEL:

A) WE HAVE HAD AN OVERLOAD PROBLEM ON ONE PHASE OF A FUSIBLE DISCONNECT, BURNING OUT THE DISCONNECT EVEN THOUGH IT WAS PROPERLY FUSED. ACCORDING TO OUR OBSERVATIONS WE ARE OPERATING AT UPPER LOAD LIMIT ON ENTIRE SYSTEM.

B) NEW CRACKS HAVE APPEARED IN RECENTLY SHORED UP EMBASSY WING. WE HAVE DETERMINED FROM OUR OWN OBSERVATION THAT THESE ARE PRIMARILY SURFACE CRACKS (ABOUT ONE TO TWO INCHES DEEP) IN NON-LOADBEARING PARTITION WALL, AM HAVE POSSIBLY BEEN CAUSED BY RECENT MILD EARTH

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TREMORS. NEVERTHELESS WE WOULD APPRECIATE EXPERT EVALUATION

OF THIS STRUCTURAL SITUATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. IN ADDITION TO EVENTS DESCRIBED IN PARA 1, WE WILL BE FORCED,
BY END OF AUGUST AT LATEST, TO MAKE SOME MOVES IN MAIN BUILDING, USING

ATTIC SPACE, TO ACCOMMODATE NEWLY ASSIGNED STAFF. WITHOUT
FBO ASSISTANCE AND RESOURCES. WE WOULD APPRECIATE, IN
VIEW OF ABOVE CONSIDERATIONS, AN EARLY REPLY TO POSSIBLE
TIMING OF FBO TECHNICIANS VISIT.
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